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MORE ORES DISCOVERED IN MACEDONIA

More prospecting has been done recently at previously opened mines, such as at Zivojna, Zletovo, and Dzer. New deposits of coal, lead, and manganese ore have been found. About 18 million tons of iron ore have been discovered at Dzer. The Oslomej lignite deposits, discovered 2 years ago, are estimated to be at least 100 million tons. These deposits are near Kicevo and are considered larger than those of the Zivojna, Katlanovo, and Nerezi mines.

Large deposits of kaolin have been discovered in Gradescica. This kaolin can withstand over 1,800 degrees centigrade. Other kaolin deposits have been found at Pehcevo and Solnje. The new porcelain and refractory-material factory in Titov Veles will be supplied largely with raw material from the above locations.

The chief geologist of the Skoplje Geological Institute, Jenko Kurt, Engr Blagoje Filipovski, and geologists Nikola Izmajilov, Kostadin Bogojevski, and Sergej Kolesnikov have discovered cement clay in Usjun near Skoplje. They estimate this area to hold 900 tons of the clay. A large cement plant will be erected there in 1952. The same prospectors have found asbestos in Grstenik, and copper in Dren and Kazan Dol.

In 1950 the Bor copper mine produced 40,000 tons of copper. The copper-rolling mill in Sevojna, which will be operating in 1952, will produce 24,000 tons of finished copper products per year.

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